

DEADLY MINE GAS.

IT CAUSES AN EXPLOSION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Eight Men Lost Their Lives—The Dorence Mine in Wilkesbarre the Scene of the Disaster—The Bodies of the Dead All Recovered—Other Casualties.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 8.—Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a terrific explosion of gas occurred in the Dorence mine, operated by the Lehigh Valley Coal company, which is situated in the northern part of the city. Eight men lost their lives.

Shortly before 5 o'clock the engineer corps decided to make a survey of a portion of the old abandoned workings known as the Baltimore section, and which underlie the grounds of the Wilkesbarre baseball club, one mile distant from the main opening of the mine. The party, which was in charge of Fire Boss Daniel Reese, who is an expert on mine gases, consisted of William Jones, William Cahill and Llewellyn Owens. Blanchard and Miller had been left behind to finish some work that had been started in the morning. About twelve minutes after the party had left Miller and Blanchard, the explosion occurred. Both Miller and Blanchard were knocked down by its force. Flying timbers also struck Miller, breaking both his arms.

After being knocked down, Miller and Blanchard remembered nothing until they were revived at the hospital. Blanchard thinks one of the engineers or probably the fire boss set fire to a body of gas in the old workings and that all of the party must have been instantly killed. When Blanchard was found he was being slowly roasted to death. The bodies of the eight missing miners were recovered this morning. All were dead.

AMBUSHED BY INDIANS.

Three Men Killed by Redskins at Jackson's Hole, One Being Captain Smith.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 7.—A special from Idaho Falls, Idaho, says: A report was brought here today by J. W. Wilson, who lives near Jackson's Hole, that three men were killed by the Indians at the lower end of Jackson's Hole, on the morning of the 3d. The men were shot from ambush, and one was Captain Smith, who precipitated the Indian trouble there last July.

Officials as Game Law Violators.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Oct. 8.—Prosecuting Attorney J. J. Bruton, county clerk Adams and about twenty-five other influential citizens of Christian county, are to be arrested for violating the game laws, they having drained a pond and killed 1,000 pounds of fish. Deputy Game Warden Jenkins of this city worked up the case.

Fighting Legal in Nevada.

CARSON, Nev., Oct. 8.—Nevada sporting men, assisted by San Francisco capital, will make a bid for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, which will be forwarded in a day or two. Prize fighting is legalized in Nevada. It would take place in Carson, and a purse of \$100,000 is being raised for the event.

End of an Unhappy Marriage.

GONZALES, Tex., Oct. 8.—Last evening Chas. Walseek shot and mortally wounded his wife and immediately blew out his own brains. The couple were married eighteen months ago, but had been separated several months. Mrs. Walseek's refusal to return to her husband led to the tragedy.

G. A. R. Appointments.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 8.—Commander-in-Chief Walker of the G. A. R., issued a general order appointing A. J. Burbank of Chicago, quartermaster general, William O. Olin of Boston inspector general, and Alfred Darte of Wilkesbarre, Pa., judge advocate.

Double Crime of a Lawyer.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 8.—Christopher Ewald, a middle-aged man, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. John Stegman, aged 30, and then blew his own brains out. He has done no work for three years, his wife supporting him by taking in washing.

Another Lemont Outrage.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Editor Simons of the Cook County News of Lemont, was assaulted and brutally kicked and beaten by a mob of roughs who, it is said, were led by C. A. Tully, brother-in-law of Mayor McCarthy.

Two Deaths Due to Family Trouble.

CLINTON, Iowa, Oct. 8.—At Low Moor, a small village about ten miles west, an ex-saloon keeper named Siler shot and killed John Otto to-day and then killed himself. The alleged cause of the shooting was domestic trouble in Siler's family.

Actress Ada Cavendish at Rest.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—Ada Cavendish, the actress, is dead. She was the widow of the late Frank Marshall, coeditor with Sir Henry Irving, of "The Irving Shakespeare." She was best known in America as the Mercy Merriek of Wilkie Collins' "New Magdalen."

Embezzler Avery Captured.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 8.—Alfred L. Avery, the embezzling cashier and clerk of the commission firm of Moore, Gannett & Co. of this city, has been captured at Larero, Texas.

Vanderbilt Wedding Announced.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The wedding of the duke of Marlborough and Miss Vanderbilt is announced for Thursday, November 14, at St. Thomas' church.

A Noted Sculptor Dead.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—William Wetmore Storey, the American sculptor, died at Vallambrosa, at the residence of his daughter, the Marchesa Peruzzi.

A Prominent Presbyterian Ill.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson, who for many years has been a powerful factor in Presbyterian circles, is very ill.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

The Whisky trust war has ended. Pierce freight rate war is on in Denver. Anti-women suffragists are active in New York.

Two American warships are now in Chinese waters.

Massachusetts Republicans have renominated Gov. Greenhalge.

The Waller records are now being translated in the French foreign office.

Henry Fapel, Louis Wegman and Charles Wegman were killed by gas in a well at Pemberville, Ohio.

The Irish National alliance has issued a call for funds with which to free Ireland.

A colored Chicago preacher advises the use of the torch wherever negro criminals are publicly tortured.

All meat for export must be inspected by an officer of the government. New rules take effect January 1.

Charles B. Boush of New York has subscribed \$100,000 to go toward building a Confederate memorial hall.

A portrait of Gresham, the work of Frank M. Peabody of Chicago, has been hung in the state department at Washington.

The Savannah & Western railroad, an Alabama and Georgia road, was sold at auction to the bondholders for \$1,500,000.

Mr. Castle, the newly appointed minister from Hawaii, has been informally received by Secretary Olney for the transaction of all routine diplomatic business between the two republics, pending his formal official reception by the president.

Lincoln, Neb., has a genuine attack of gold fever, large quantities of yellow treasure being found in a sandy strip near Milford. Numerous assays show the gold to run \$350 a ton, and in no case less than \$60.

France honored the late M. Pasteur's memory with a most impressive state funeral.

Postmaster General Wilson will be a candidate for his old seat in congress next year.

Joseph Choate has been retained by Mrs. Leland Stanford to defend her interests in the government suits against her husband's estate.

Fire in Denver did \$75,000 damage. At a church corner stone dedication at Lorain, Ohio, a temporary platform collapsed, killing one person outright, injuring eleven fatally and thirty others more or less seriously.

By a bold stroke Cubans entered Santa Clara, killed many soldiers, obtained arms and provisions and escaped.

The Colorado Milling and Elevator company's mill at Fort Collins burned. Loss, \$125,000.

The steamer Commodore has been released by the government authorities, but the arms found on board, supposedly for Cuba, are held.

General Samuel F. Cary will be the orator at the unveiling of the monument to "Tippecanoe" Harrison at Garfield park, Cincinnati, in December.

Fire at Warren, R. I., destroyed three immense woolen mills. Loss, \$1,000,000.

Miss Mamie Cabanne, one of the richest and most beautiful society young ladies of St. Louis, has decided to become a nun.

The council of Warrensburg, Mo., has passed a curfew and anti-cigarette ordinance.

Captain General Campos of Cuba, has asked for an extraordinary credit for the people of the inundated district of Yucita Abalo.

At a meeting of Armenians of Boston resolutions were adopted in favor of a general uprising of Christians in the Turkish empire to enforce justice.

Fire at Lansing, Kan., destroyed Levi Churchill's general store, Dr. Nealley's drug store and Oscar Hyde's butcher shop, causing \$12,000 losses.

John Don Farden, the Adams express cashier at Terre Haute, Ind., who fled with \$16,000 of the company's money September 6, was captured in Baltimore. He had spent every cent of the stolen money.

Arizona is clamoring for statehood. A famine is predicted in Cuba in case the war continues.

Inoculation is now recommended as a yellow fever preventive.

Senator Quay has appointed a committee to secure the next Republican national convention at Pittsburg, if possible.

State Democratic central committee met at Topeka, passed resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Colonel W. C. Jones and decided not to nominate a candidate for chief justice. The session lasted just twenty minutes.

Prairie fires in South Dakota have caused \$100,000 loss.

The Rembaugh mills of Sedalia are in the hands of a receiver.

Yale defeated the English college athletes in all but three of the events.

The Democrats of Brooklyn have split and two Democratic tickets are in the field.

Three indictments have been returned against the officers of the recently failed Dawn, Mo., bank.

The official report shows this year's sugar crop in Louisiana to be the largest ever grown in that state.

The Polish and Hungarian labor element has complete control of the Pennsylvania anthracite regions.

The Omaha World-Herald has sued the Bee for \$50,000 for criminal libel.

A football game at Chicago between Northwestern university and Beloit college ended in a small-sized riot.

Sixty vessels were wrecked during the storms last week off the English coast. More than 100 lives were lost.

The Populists, Democrats and Prohibitionists of Franklin county, Kansas, have fused against the Republicans.

Secretary Carlisle will recommend the imposition of \$1 additional tax per barrel on beer to raise the needed government revenue.

Amos J. Cummings was nominated by Tammany for congress, and William J. Brown by the Grace-Fairchild faction to oppose him.

Albert Wade, Mount Vernon, Mont., bank cashier and \$50,000 are missing.

FIGHT OVER A STEER.

An American, Two Mexicans and a Mexican Child Killed in Texas.

LAREDO, Texas, Oct. 8.—News reached here last evening of a fearful shooting affair which occurred near Twohigs Station on the I. & G. N. railway, eighty miles north of this city, which resulted in the death of J. Shaw, an American ranchman, and two Mexican men, a Mexican child, and the wounding of a Mexican woman.

Shaw had lost a yearling steer and he, in company with Deputy Sheriff Swink, trailed the thieves and came upon them, together with the woman and child. The two Mexicans and Shaw were killed outright on the ground and the child died this morning. The woman is badly injured, but will probably recover.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

George Napper of Vernon, Mo., Shoots His Wife and Ends His Own Existence.

AURORA, Mo., Oct. 8.—George Napper, a wealthy resident of Vernon, a village five miles west of Aurora, shot and killed his wife yesterday evening, and then, placing the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth, sent a bullet into his own head. Napper's body was shipped to Billings, his former home, for burial, while the wife's remains were sent to St. Louis. They had been separated for some time, Napper vowing that he would kill his wife if she ever returned. The woman came back yesterday morning and after an all day's quarrel the husband became so enraged that he committed the terrible tragedy. Before the shooting he locked his son, a young man, in the house.

BANDITS MAKE A MISS.

Only Eighty-Five Cents to Repay Six Indian Territory Outlaws.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Oct. 8.—The north-bound Frisco passenger train was held up at Caston, Ind. Terr., fifty miles south of here last night by six men, who cut the express car loose from the train and ran it up the track. They failed to open the through safe, and only got eighty-five cents from the local safe.

The passengers were not molested. The train was permitted to pull out after the bandits failed to open the big safe.

It is thought to have been the work of the Christiana brother's gang.

SHOT BY HIS SON-IN-LAW.

Jacob Oxford of Platte County Killed Because of Family Differences.

PLATTE CITY, Mo., Oct. 7.—A family quarrel of long standing resulted in the murder of Jacob Oxford, an old and well-to-do farmer residing about five miles north of this place, by his son-in-law, James M. Frazier, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The crime was committed in cold blood and on the threshold of Frazier's home. Its immediate cause was the separation about four months ago of Frazier and his wife, although for more than two years the murderer and his father-in-law had been on very unfriendly terms.

Electricity for Diphtheria.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—Dr. J. W. Was, of West Pullman, claims to have discovered a cure for diphtheria, which far exceeds anti-toxine in efficacy. Dr. Was' remedy is electricity, which is applied directly to the throat. It is claimed to have been successful in a large number of recent virulent cases. A conference of physicians will pass on the alleged cure during the week.

Dawn Bank Officers Arrested.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Oct. 8.—Two more arrests in connection with the Dawn bank failure were made at Dawn last Saturday night. The parties arrested were Henry Bushnell, late president, and Hiram Cople, late director, of the defunct bank. Both stand indicted for receiving deposits, knowing the bank to be insolvent. Mr. Cople is judge of the county court.

Crisp Is Still for Free Silver.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 8.—In a letter to J. W. Gaines, this city, dated American, Ga., Oct. 2, in reference to the reports that he had changed his views on the silver question, ex-Speaker Crisp says: "I still favor the free coinage of silver and think perhaps I may make a speech or two in Georgia on that line before congress meets."

Wisconsin Wants the Fight.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Oct. 8.—The Oshkosh Athletic association offers a purse of \$30,000 for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight. The laws of Wisconsin prohibit prize fighting, but the association proposes to have the mill on the Indian reservation in Northern Wisconsin and guarantees non-interference.

Ohio Silver Men.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 8.—The Silver Democratic state central committee, of which Senator Washburn is chairman, and W. W. Durbin secretary, last night issued an address to the Democrats of Ohio urging concentrated action looking to the control of the next national Democratic convention.

Frazier in Custody.

PLATTE CITY, Mo., Oct. 8.—James Frazier, who killed his father-in-law, came to Platte City and gave himself up. He says the Oxford's came to his house and attacked him and that he shot the old man in self defense. Frazier is now in jail.

Jumped From a Window.

STROUSBURG, Pa., Oct. 8.—Mrs. John Knox Marshall, wife of a prominent Boston manufacturer, jumped from a third story window at Crésedale's boarding house at Delaware Water Gap and sustained injuries which will cause her death.

Burned to Death.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 8.—Effie and Addie Ewalt, aged 15 and 10 respectively, daughters of W. P. Ewalt, a well known railroad man at Woodlawn, were burned to death last night by the explosion of a lamp.

A FATAL WEDDING.

EIGHTY GUESTS POISONED AT SABULA, IOWA.

Three Have Already Died—The Doctors Unable to Diagnose the Malady—Talented Men Believed to Be the Cause of the Poisoning.

SABULA, Iowa, Oct. 8.—The singularly distressing illness among the guests at the wedding of John Taplaw and Anna Gage, is still occupying the attention of the medical fraternity of this and other cities, but so far no physician has been able to correctly diagnose the disease. Three deaths have occurred and eighty persons are confined to their beds, and several of these are not expected to live.

The peculiarity of the disease is causing great apprehension, and is attributable to the failure of the physicians to successfully combat it. It is similar to common forms of poisoning, and its imperiousness to all antidotes and usual remedies is a puzzle. The fact that most of the victims were not stricken until three weeks after partaking of the wedding feast furnishes another surprise to the physicians.

It has transpired that after the meats, which were served at the feast, had been cooked the wedding had been postponed for four days. In that interval the weather was very warm, and the meats became tainted.

A TERRIBLE VENGEANCE.

A Georgia Negro Brute Maimed, Shot and Burned.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 7.—Neal Smith, the negro convict who brutally assaulted Miss Henderson near Cole City, Ga., Wednesday, was taken from the stockade used for confining prisoners, by a mob of not less than 200 men, last night. The sheriff and jailer, with several men, were on guard, but the crowd refused to listen to reason and threatened to tear down the stockade and burn it. He was led to a point near where the assault was committed. He confessed his guilt.

Then the father of the girl, William Henderson, cut off the negro's ears, while one of the crowd pounded his fingers, joint by joint, one finger at a time, until the hand was a shapeless mass. This was because, in the struggle to subdue Miss Henderson, he had bitten off one of her fingers.

Each man in the crowd then took a turn at shooting at the wretch until, when he died, he must have had four or five pounds of lead in him. He was literally shot to pieces.

The body was finally thrown into a hastily prepared pile of brushwood and burned until not a scrap of bone remained.

WAGNER AN EMBEZZLER.

The Ex-Priest Shot in His Church Accounts—Stedtel Case Indictments.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 8.—The grand jury returned three indictments against Dominick Wagner, the ex-priest, for criminal assault, for ruining a girl under 15 years of age and for abduction. The grand jury is now investigating charges of embezzlement preferred against the ex-priest by members of his congregation.

The indictments will probably be made prossed, the ex-priest having married the girl Saturday night, and she cannot be compelled to appear against her husband. Wagner will, however, be prosecuted on the charge of embezzlement, as the experts who have examined the books of the parish, say there is a shortage of \$2,000. Bishop Burke, who reached home from Rome this morning, says before he left, three months ago, Wagner admitted that he had misappropriated \$1,000 of the church's money.

NO TERRITORY FIGHT.

Commissioner Browning Has Taken Decisive Action to Prevent the Fight.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Commissioner Browning of the Indian office has taken prompt and decisive steps to prevent the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight taking place in the Indian territory. He has sent a letter of instructions to Agent Wisdom at Muscogee, I. T., directing him to see that the laws are enforced and to eject forcibly any intruders who may enter the Indian country for the purpose of creating a disturbance or of engaging in anything that may be detrimental to the Indians. The commissioner says that the statutes of the United States are ample to cover the situation and to prevent the fight. The agent will have at his back not only the Indian police but all United States troops necessary to eject the fighters.

Actors Go to Church.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Oct. 8.—The Sunday theater business received a quietus in Chillicothe Sunday night. A company advertised to appear at the opera house was notified by order of Mayor Leeper that the moment the curtain went up the actors would be arrested. They desisted and attended one of the churches in a body. Here they heard a denunciation of theatricals in general and Sunday theatricals in particular.

Harvard and Yale Will Not Play.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 8.—The Harvard athletic committee last night gave out the following explanatory statement: "October 5 having passed and Harvard having received no invitation from Yale to play football, it is now definitely settled that there will be no football game this year between the eleven of these universities."

A Unique Organization.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 8.—A unique organization, the American Protective association, has been incorporated, with headquarters in this city, by N. S. Amstutz, a well known electrical inventor, and half a dozen farmers. Its object is the protection of farmers from the railroad companies.

Aroused by an Earthquake.

WINONA, Ill., Oct. 8.—The inhabitants of this town were greatly alarmed yesterday morning by a series of earthquake shocks. About \$300 damage was done in coal mines.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Italy and France have combined to press their claims against Brazil.

The British parliament has been further prorogued until December 33. Cigarettes have tumbled 50 per cent in price.

Two thousand Ohio miners are on a strike.

New York now has cable railway postal cars.

Red Cloud, Neb., roller mill burned; loss, \$40,000.

Uncle Sam is about to order six more new gunboats.

Edward McGee College for girls, Woodville, Miss., burned.

New Yorkers want a monument on Lookout mountain, although New York soldiers did not fight there.

Major J. C. Black, Democrat, defeated Tom Watson for congress in the Tenth Georgia district by 1,641 majority.

Rev. G. M. Sharp, evangelical minister of Audubon, Iowa, borrowed all the money he could, left his family and skipped.

Claims for \$7,914,084 have been filed against the Union Loan and Trust company, Sioux City, Ia., with \$167,000 only to meet them.

Meat Inspector Frank and Poundmaster Spoerl of Omaha are under arrest for embezzlement, having falsified "dog pound" returns.

Andrew Cain and William Grose, of Montpelier, Ind., while coon hunting, built a fire over some nitro-glycerine and were blown to pieces.

The South Carolina constitutional convention, by an overwhelming majority, has adopted a clause forbidding the intermarriage of a white person with any person who contains any negro blood whatever in his or her veins. This, in connection with the suffrage clause, will have the effect of disfranchising mulattoes.

Judge Cyrus Cook was nominated for congress by Eighteenth Illinois Republicans.

Director of the mint reports that an increased production of gold from all fields will be shown this year.

The veteran baseball manager, Harry Wright, died at Atlantic City.

Forty-nine convicts, all sentenced at the present term of court, left Fort Smith, Ark., for the government prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

Christopher Dalton died in jail at Nevada, Mo., of consumption.

At Durrant's trial a Y. M. C. A. secretary was fined \$250 for threatening a juror, and a young lady witness was ordered to jail because she refused to answer a question.

Japanese cotton spinners desire their government to establish a line of steamers to the west coast of Mexico, so that they may get United States cotton at cheaper rates.

Herbert Burrows has left the Theosophical society. He says he believes Mme. Blavatsky is "partially fraudulent."

Atlanta exposition will not be open on Sundays.

George M. Yost, inventor of the typewriter, is dead.

General O. M. Poe, United States engineer, is dead at Detroit.

Governor Culberson is overwhelmed with congratulations from all parts of the country for knocking out the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Dallas.

Missouri state prison at Jefferson City contains nearly 2,400 convicts.

Buffalo Bill received quite an ovation upon his visit to Washington.

"Diamond Joe" Reynolds's widow has given \$250,000 to Chicago university.

Northern Pacific receivers have been removed by Judge Hanford at Seattle.

August Belmont, the New York millionaire, was arrested for assaulting his valet.

Governor Matthews of Indiana is a candidate for president.

Consul Schaum of Uruguay claims free wool is benefiting American markets.

Secretary Herbert is making speeches in the South on the financial question.

W. C. P. Breckinridge is again a candidate for congress from the Ashland, Ky., district.

Armenians and Turks in Constantinople engaged in a riot and a couple of hundred were killed.

England insists that China must do more than degrade the viceroy who permitted the anti-foreign riots.

Anton Gudden, Trenton, N. J., is dying of blood poisoning caused by shoes overheated by too hard rubbing by his bootblack.

Peter Crawford, aged 25, a Cleveland, Ohio, mail messenger, has been asleep for eight months. He was brown from a mail wagon.

James Bland, author of "Climbing Up the Golden Stairs," is in the Washington city workhouse for flim-flamming a Virginia Populist.

Lucile Blackburn, daughter of Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, was married at Washington to Thomas F. Lane of the treasury department.

South Carolina constitutional convention has adopted property and educational qualifications which disfranchise the negro, and keeps white illiterates and paupers on the voting lists.

Rev. G. M. Thorpe fell from grace and deserted his wife and child and creditors at Audubon, Iowa.

Rolla Talbot of Grand Island, Neb., cut his throat at Ashley, Mo. He was sick and mentally unbalanced.

B. Fulton French, leader of a faction in the French-Eversole feud, is under arrest at Winchester, Ky., charged with murder.

Dr. C. E. Bach of Brooklyn has accepted the presidency of Lombard university at Galesburg, Ill.

I. Rhey Boyd, a lawyer, politician and preacher of Kentucky, died at Paducah of alcoholism.

The statement of the mint director shows that the United States has dropped to third place among the gold producing nations.

A naval construction expert has found Moran brothers of Seattle properly equipped and a contract for building a torpedo boat has been awarded to them.

A political crisis seems to be imminent in Argentina. The president may resign.

Prof. Leyden has received information that the Czarowitz is too weak to travel.

CHEAP EXCURSION SOUTH.

The Farm, Field and Fireside, Chicago, is doing a most excellent work in helping those who want to better their condition to secure homes in a more congenial climate, or where the opportunities for getting a start in life are better. Its colony plan is very popular, and enables home-seekers to secure a chunk of excellent land at almost half the usual price. For its Oct. 15 excursion to Green Cove Springs, Florida, the lowest rates ever given to that state have been secured. A splendid train will be run from Chicago with special cars from Omaha, Kansas City, St. Paul and Cleveland, and a steamer from New York. The train will be composed mainly of sleeping cars, which will be used for beds throughout the trip. Fifty-six thousand acres of the best land in the state has been secured, the greater part of which will be sold at \$5.00 an acre. Any of our readers who want to join this excursion should write the Farm, Field and Fireside at once. They will also run a special